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To Whom It May Concern:

I am honored to nominate Alissa Shupe of Farr West Elementary for the extra mile award. Alissa serves as our librarian. I have had the wonderful opportunity to work with her for the past 3 and a half years. During that time, there is no one that embodies the spirit of the Weber School District and Farr West Elementary more than Alissa. Her commitment to the students, school, and community is unmatched. We are richly blessed to have her as part of our team.

Alissa is an amazing librarian. Her vast knowledge of books amazes me. I can ask for a book with a certain theme and the next thing I know I have three books sitting on my desk. I love to watch her in action with students. A student will come to her who is having trouble finding a book and you can see the excitement in her eyes. She goes out of her way to help that student find the right book. Alissa fosters a love for books and reading. It is evident that she loves what she does. She also teaches amazing mini lessons with our students. They are well thought out with purpose. Library is definitely one of our students favorite things and it is because of Alissa.

Alissa goes above and beyond with promoting our school wide reading incentives. She helps to come up with exciting games and challenges to entice the students to read more. As a result our students take on these challenges and are highly motivated to read. She even gets many of our reluctant readers to join in.

Alissa is highly involved in the storytelling festival and getting our students to participate. Every year we have a number of students participate and it is because of her that they excel. She takes the time to help them improve on their skills. Not only do their skills improve but their confidence beams. She also does an author's fair where she has students write their own books and then the winners get their book published and put in our library. For Alissa it is all about the kids and helping them to be their best.

Simply put, Alissa is amazing! In fact Mr. Nick Harris the supervisor over librarians has said on more than one occasion, Alissa is one of the best librarians if not the best in our district. Alissa would be an excellent and very deserving choice for Weber School District "Extra Mile Award" or any other honor that may come her way. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

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